

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Fike *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/685,802

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For: **Dry Powder Cell and Cell Culture
Reagents and Methods of
Production Thereof**

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Supplemental Reply

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

In the reply filed in the captioned application on September 14, 2007, Applicants indicated that it was their intention to file a preliminary amendment in related U.S. Application 11/669,827 (the '827 application) canceling claims 1 and 8-11 and that these claims would be replaced by composition of matter claims. Applicants filed a Second Preliminary amendment in the '827 application on October 2, 2007, amending claim 1, canceling claims 8-11 and adding new claims 15-20. Applicants note that, upon further consideration of the matter, claims to both compositions and methods were filed in the '827 application. Applicants wish to make the Examiner aware of the amendments pending in the '827 application. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, Applicants ask that the Examiner contact their representative named below at (240) 379-4173.

Respectfully submitted,

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